

## **PROJECT APPLICATION FORM**

**Applicant:** *Elm Street Hoops*, representing the  
Acton Public Schools

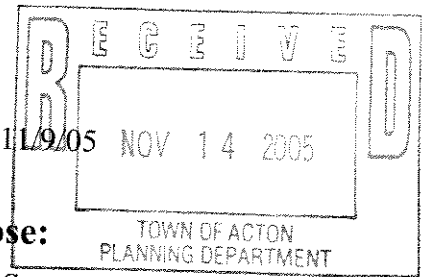
**Submission Date:** 11/9/05 NOV 14 2005

**Applicant's Address, Phone Number and Email**

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Acton MA 01720  
978-264-0225  
[Tim.lieto@Sun.com](mailto:Tim.lieto@Sun.com)

**Purpose:**

- ☐ Open Space
- ☐ Community Housing
- ☐ Historic Preservation
- ☒ Recreation



**Town Committee (if applicable):**

**Project Name:** Creation, Revitalization, and Beautification of Outdoor Basketball Courts at Elm Street

**Project Location/Address:** Elm Street, Douglas School

**Amount Requested:** \$20,000

**Project Summary:**

To create 2 brand new basketball courts at the Elm Street location at Douglas School. The basic elements of the Proposal are as follows:

- Remove the existing surfaces, poles, and baskets
- Regrade and install new asphalt surface in 2 layers: 1.5" lower layer with 1.5" dense tennis mix on top
- Sink poles after first layer of asphalt
- Seal coats applied on top along with painting of lines
- Install basketball systems with full sized glass backboards

Total project cost is estimated at \$40,000. This proposal contemplates 6 funding sources:

- Community Preservation Funds (50%)
- Privately Raised Funds (24.5%)
- Acton Public Schools/Community Education (12.5%)
- Acton Boxborough Travel Basketball (8.75%)
- Douglas School (2.5%)
- Boys Basketball Boosters (1.25%)
- Girls Basketball Boosters (0.5%)

**Estimated Date for Commencement of Project:**

The day after the Town of Acton grants project approval: Projected as Late April 2006

**Estimated Date for Completion of Project:**

3 weeks from commencement date

# **Project Plan Proposal**

## **Creation, Revitalization, and Beautification of Outdoor Basketball Courts at Elm Street**

**Version 9**

**November 7, 2005**

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# **1 PROJECT OVERVIEW**

In short, the objective of this project is the revitalization and beautification of the Elm Street basketball courts.

## **1.1 Motivation**

Currently, the Town of Acton does not have any playable outdoor basketball courts. The community would greatly benefit by having outdoor courts.

There are 2 full court outdoor basketball courts at Elm Street that are in a state of extreme disrepair so much so that they need to be torn down and can no longer be repaired. These are the only viable outdoor courts in the Town of Acton. They are currently a detriment both in terms of safety and usability and have curbed a lot of the enthusiasm that used to revolve around this location when the courts were used for summer programs. The goal of this project is to restore these courts and this area to something Acton can be proud of. Once restored and beautified, they would encourage usage and would also be of benefit to the Douglas School.

The courts would be done in a manner that follows the standard dimensions of a high school court so that players continue to play the game in a consistent fashion.

It is also believed that this can be accomplished in a minimum amount of time and expense. Once the funding is in place and the contractors selected, the project can take as little as 3 weeks to complete if everything is lined up optimally.

## **1.2 Jurisdiction**

Acton Public Schools has jurisdiction over this property. We have been in discussion with them as well as ABRSD, Community Ed, and Douglas School.

## **1.3 Creation v. Maintenance**

As the current space is considered unusable in its current state, any real maintenance has been ignored on this space for a very long time. This now requires the courts to be torn down and rebuilt from scratch. In essence, there currently are no playable courts, so 2 new courts are being created. Part of this project will be to put a proper maintenance procedure into place so this does not occur again. We believe this is consistent with the Community Preservation Act requirement for creation. There is also a strong public/private partnership.

## **1.4 Current v. Anticipated Use**

Due to the safety hazard presented, there is no current organized use. Also, informal use is a mere fraction of what it could be. Once installed, the courts may be used by the Community Education program as well as the Travel Basketball program. This site will also offer an additional practice facility as the indoor gyms are taxed to the maximum during the spring season. We anticipate Acton-Boxboro being able to host summer league games and as well as playoffs. Additionally, informal use should skyrocket for players of all ages including adults.

Many feel the current use is worse than NONE:

\* While it was anticipated it would be used for summer travel team basketball, that plan was rescinded when it was decided the condition of the site was in such deplorable condition that it would be unacceptable for league play.

\* The site was used by Community Ed.'s summer basketball program (weather permitting) last summer however that was with very mixed results. A new site would unquestionably mean that their program would move there for good.

\* Finally, it has minimal use by the Douglas School ... a new site would offer opportunities for them for physical education classes and outdoor assemblies.

## 1.5 Current Site Pictures

Here are current pictures from the 2 courts at Elm Street,



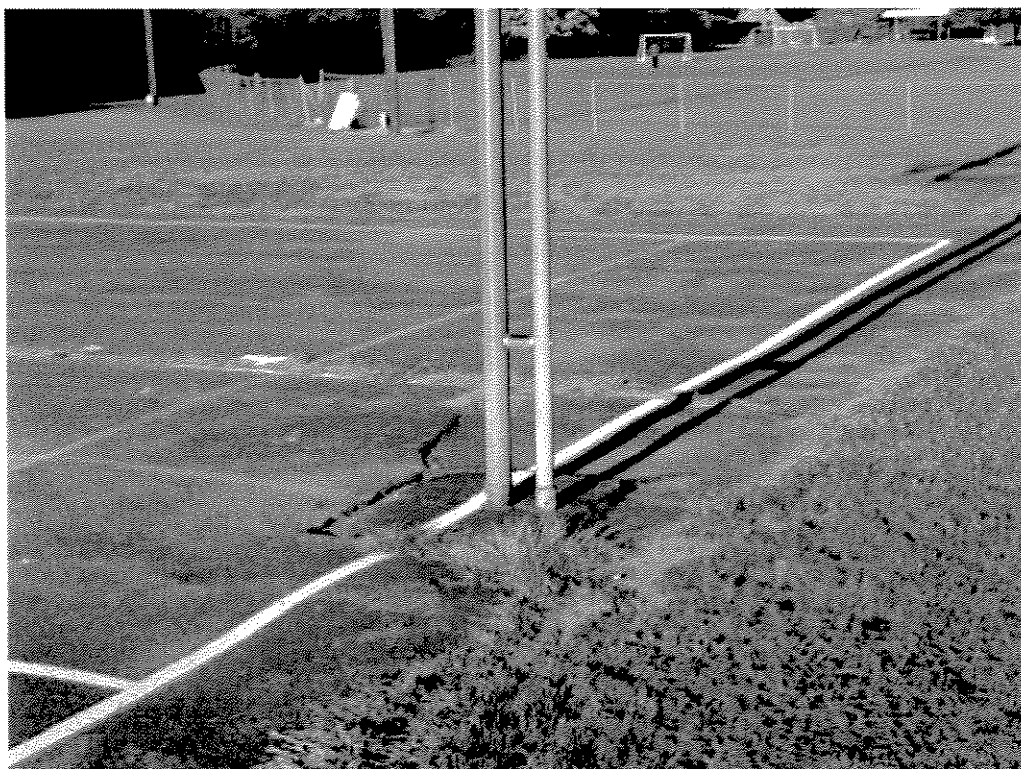








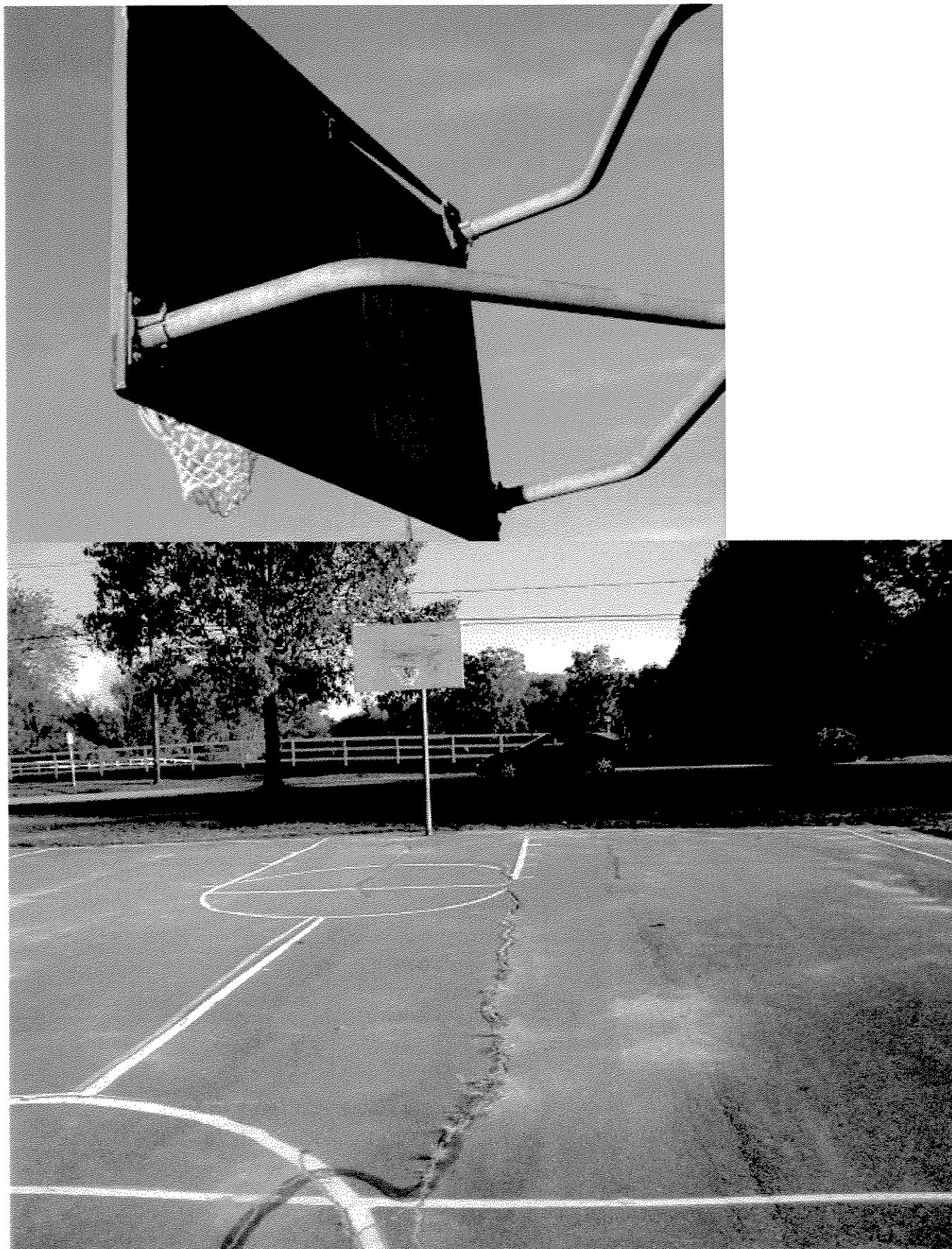














## 1.6 Example Site Pictures

Here are some pictures from a court in the Sullivan Playground on the corner of Arlington and Mt. Auburn Streets in Watertown that uses almost the identical basketball systems to what we are planning to use. Note that our color scheme is still TBD.







## **2 PROJECT DETAILS**

### **2.1 Court Surface**

Although there is asphalt in place, the courts are extremely cracked and uneven. In order to provide a playing surface, we will have the existing asphalt removed. This will allow for a long lasting surface to be installed. There will be two 1.5" layers of asphalt installed; the top layer being comprised of a dense tennis mix. Four layers of acrylic based surfacings will then be applied to the asphalt, greatly increasing the durability and longevity of the courts.

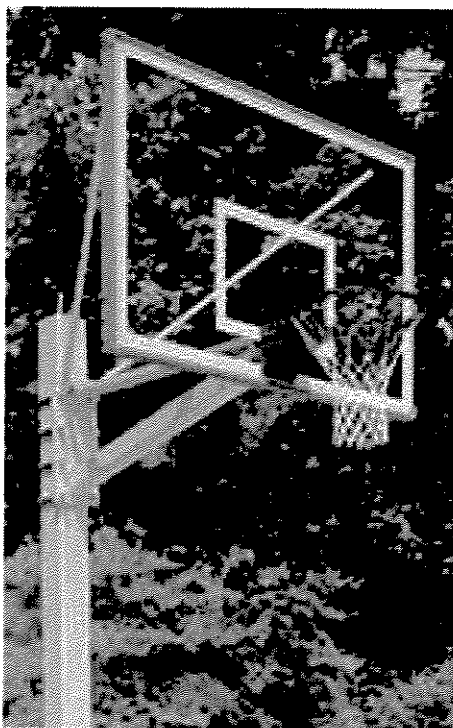
### **2.2 Basketball Goals**

Existing backboards, poles, and rims are tired and worn. Our plan includes replacing poles, backboards, and rims to accommodate a high quality, extremely durable, complete basketball system. These systems will have full sized (72" x 48") glass backboards and have fixed rims. The attachments will also be fixed so as to minimize the theft and vandalism potential.

We are currently looking at using the following system:

**Gared Model GP106AF20**

42" X 72" Glass Backboard, Breakaway Goal, 6' Overhang



### **2.3 Court Dimensions**

Based on the overhang of the basketball systems, we will maximize the court dimensions to be as close to the current high school court size as possible, maintaining the current asphalt footprint.

### **2.4 Other**

We are also interested in beautifying the area surrounding the courts. Benches would be the first thing we would like to add with any remaining funds.



### **3 PROJECT TIMELINE**

#### **3.1 Summary**

The longest lead item is securing our funding. Once we have sufficient funding in place, we know we can go ahead with the project. The actual paving and painting of lines will take 2 weeks. A total of 3 weeks should be sufficient as long as contractors honor their scheduled times and that the basketball systems are delivered as scheduled. The basketball systems have a lead time of 3 weeks.

Our goal is to complete the project in early spring. As soon as the Town of Acton approves the related warrant article, the project will commence and can be completed in 3 weeks from that date.

## 4 ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTING

The below numbers are based on preliminary bids for various potential contractors. These numbers are a good working estimate of what it will take to do the project as described in this proposal.

The project team is working on finalizing these numbers and the exact numbers are not viewed as an impediment to completing the project.

Task	Estimated Amount
Remove existing surface and baskets, grade, and pave new surface.	\$22,000
Install new surface, coat court, paint lines, and install new poles	\$6,000
Basketball systems (4)	\$10,000
Beautification/Miscellaneous	\$1,000
Town Oversight	\$1,000
<b>Estimated Project Total</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>

## 5 ESTIMATED PROJECT FUNDING

### 5.1 Summary

The below has already been preliminarily discussed with the sources indicated.

Funding Source	Projected Amount
CPC	\$20,000
Acton Public Schools (including Community Ed)	\$5,000
Acton-Boxborough Travel Basketball	\$3,500
Private Funding	\$9,800
Douglas School	\$1,000
Boys Basketball Boosters	\$500
Girls Basketball Boosters	\$200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>

### 5.2 Private Funding Plan

We plan on soliciting Travel basketball and Community Ed basketball families with a mailing. There will also be some community outreach to the CommEd and Travel programs, as well as to attendees at the high school and junior high basketball games. A \$50 contribution from about 200 of the over 1000 basketball families in Acton will achieve this funding level (or \$25 from 400 families). Given the fact that so many Acton Boxborough residents have been anxiously awaiting this recreation project coming to fruition, we see this as a sound and feasible projection.

### 5.3 Non Profit Status

With the help of counsel Mark Scheier, we are in the process of creating of a non profit entity for "Elm Street Hoops" in which all donations will be deposited.

## **6 PROJECT TEAM**

Project Managers: Tim Lieto, Hal Rosenstock, Lisa O'Brien



## **7 OTHER PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS**

### **7.1 Permits**

We have met with JD Head, Coordinator of Facilities and Transportation for the Acton Boxborough Schools, who is researching if there is a need for any permits to be obtained.

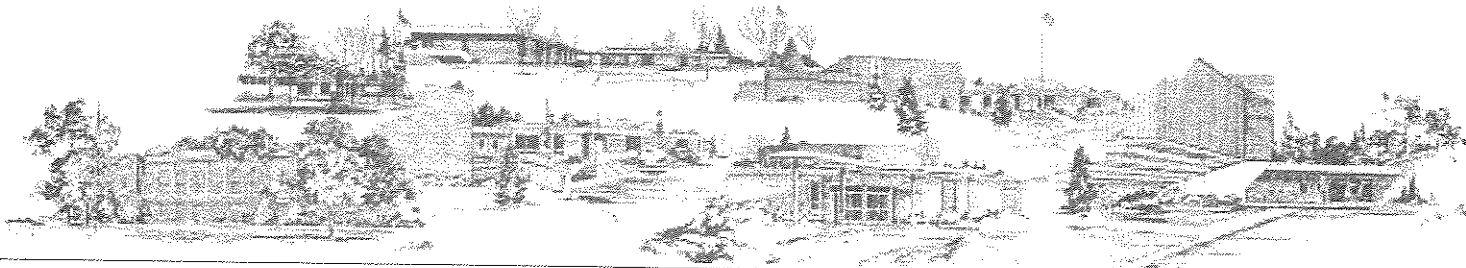
### **7.2 Ongoing Maintenance**

We will put a plan in place for ongoing maintenance. The anticipated maintenance should be minimal. The maintenance would consist mainly of checking on and filling in any cracks that may surface in a timely fashion so that the cracks do not spread especially over the winter.

## **8 EXHIBITS**

### **8.1 EMAILS AND LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

#### **8.1.1 Acton Public Schools**



ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ♦ ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

16 Charter Road Acton, MA 01720-2995 Phone: 978-264-4700 Fax: 978-263-8409 Email: bryan@mail.ab.mec.edu

William L. Ryan  
Superintendent of Schools

October 26, 2005

Mr. Matt. Lundberg  
Community Preservation Committee  
c/o Roland Bartl  
Acton Town Hall  
Acton, MA 01720

Dear Mr. Lundberg:

Tim Lieto from the Elm Street Hoops organization will be representing various community groups and the Acton Public School District regarding the Elm Street Basketball Court Project application which will be submitted to the Community Preservation Committee.

New basketball courts at the Elm Street site would provide an important recreational facility for the Acton community. I believe the Elm Street courts would be the only outside public basketball facility in the town. I hope the Community Preservation Committee will support this worthwhile project.

Mr. J.D. Head from our staff is also available to answer questions or provide additional information that you may need

We appreciate your consideration of our proposal.

Sincerely,

*William L. Ryan*  
William L. Ryan  
Superintendent

*Marie Altieri*  
Marie Altieri, Chairperson  
Acton School Committee

c: George Frost  
J.D. Head

## *Acton-Boxborough Community Education*

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Administration Building  
15 Charter Road  
Acton, MA 01720  
(978)266-2525  
Fax (978) 266-2540  
e-mail: Linda\_Mathinos@mail.ab.mec.edu

November 4, 2005

Hal Rosenstock  
200 Old Harvard Road  
Boxborough, MA 01719

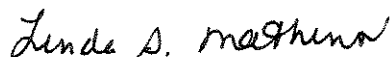
Dear Mr. Rosenstock:

I am writing in support of the Elm Street Hoops group's application for Community Preservation Act funding for the renovation of the basketball courts at Elm Street. As these courts are the only outside courts in Acton, renovation of this facility would be a great benefit to the community.

Community Education sponsors a winter youth basketball program which currently serves close to 1,000 boys and girls in grades 3-12. Additionally, we operate numerous summer basketball clinics, including a league which utilized the Elm Street courts last summer. Community Education loves basketball and will make a financial contribution to this project in the future.

If there is any additional information that I can provide in support of this project, please contact me at (978) 266-2525.

Sincerely,



Linda S. Mathinos, CPP  
Director



#### **8.1.4 Rick Kilpatrick, Boys ABRHS Varsity Coach**

October 31, 2005

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the "Elm Street Hoops" campaign to have the outdoor courts redone at the Douglas School on Elm Street. I believe this would be a worthwhile and important project for the entire community.

As the boys varsity basketball coach at Acton-Boxborough Regional High School for the past eight years, I have seen first-hand the growth of basketball in this community. Interest has never been higher in Acton or Boxborough. The Community Education town program has record numbers and waiting lists every year. The Travel Team program has grown immensely, adding teams for both genders on a seemingly annual basis. The high school teams have also grown as well, with the addition of a freshman girls' team two years ago, and a record number of boys trying-out for the three respective teams each of the last two seasons. Basketball is alive and well in Acton.

If there was one aspect of Acton basketball I would hope to see improved, it would be the availability of baskets for kids and adults alike to play games on, or just shoot around. I believe it is important for the continued growth of the sport, and for simply giving young people another option for physical activity, to have safe and accessible outdoor courts that can be used most of the calendar year. The Elm Street courts have long been popular for basketball enthusiasts, but if re-done (and done well), they can also provide even more. The Elm Street courts could be used for summer leagues, fall leagues, (for adults and young players) and be used by town teams for practices and potentially games. The possibilities are numerous.

This past Summer I moved my Youth Summer Basketball league from the high school gymnasium to the Elm Street outdoor courts. I believe that young kids playing basketball outdoors on a warm summer's evening is great stuff! The move was popular as players and parents seemed to only have positive comments. The one concern I did have was the safety of the courts b/c of the cracks, indentations and rises in the pavement. Luckily there were no injuries, but over time I would have greater concerns of whether these courts really could be used for such a purpose again.

I fully support and appreciate the work that the "Elm Street Hoops" organization is putting forth to improve these courts. Acton is a fantastic community to live and work in. Improving these courts will only provide even more opportunities for all of its community members to enjoy themselves outdoors on a safe and accessible set of courts.

Sincerely,

Rick Kilpatrick

Boys Basketball Coach

Acton-Boxborough Regional High School

### **8.1.5 Cathy Gallant, Girls ABRHS Varsity Coach**

10-27-05

Dear Elm Street Hoops,

The youth of our town are fortunate that there have been so many recreational activities presented to them. One area where recreational activity has been limited to a minimum is outdoor basketball facilities. Years ago, Elm St Park was the scene of countless summer league games (youth and adult) and a never ending struggle for pick up court time. This facility has since gone into disrepair and it is unfortunate.

I am writing this letter in the capacity as co-coach of the Acton-Boxboro girls basketball team. It would be great if there were a couple of viable courts that our girls could feel comfortable going to from a safety and health standpoint. Right now, they must drive (or get a ride) to West Concord to play. The more our girls play, they better they get. It would also allow those who do not play organized sports a chance for pure recreation.

Elm Street Hoops has our full and appreciative support in bringing this before the CPC Committee. It is a most worthy and fitting need. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Cathy Gallant  
AB Girls Varsity Basketball Coach

### **8.1.6 Josh Hammer, Acton-Boxborough Travel Basketball**

Acton-Boxborough Travel Basketball Program  
P. O. Box 2795  
Acton, Massachusetts 01720

November 8, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

The Acton-Boxborough Travel Basketball Program provides a competitive basketball experience to boys and girls in fifth through eighth grade from Acton and Boxborough. This experience is achieved through league play, a regimented practice schedule, and a devoted group of coaches and Board of Directors who ensure that teaching goals are met from November through February each year. We have been in existence as a private, not for profit entity for the past four seasons. Prior to that, travel team basketball was a branch of the very popular Community Education youth basketball program.

As the population has continued to grow in Acton, there has been a direct correlation to local interest in travel team basketball. This year alone, we are supporting 13 teams, which is one more team than travel team basketball in Acton has ever supported. We also saw an impressive yet not overly surprising 11.3% increase in the number of kids who tried out for a team this year over last year.

By supporting 13 teams, we are allowing more children to play travel team basketball than just about any other surrounding town. Many cities who play in the same league as Acton-Boxborough have up to twice the population of Acton yet support in some cases, half the number of teams. Our ability to run a successful travel team program and the associated high level of interest is unique to our program and is something that certain towns model their own program after.

While Acton has a strong travel team and recreational basketball program, a dedicated group of volunteer coaches, excellent indoor basketball facilities, and an interest to allow this program to continue indefinitely, what it does not have are adequate outdoor basketball facilities. I have seen for many years, the Elm Street basketball courts used almost constantly during the warm months despite their current deplorable condition. Though not managed through our program, are summer travel basketball teams that amazingly, are not permitted by the league to host games because Acton is unable to provide an adequate or safe game site in the estimation of the summer league.

The Acton-Boxborough Travel Basketball Program is happy to provide unwavering support to the initiative to build a new outdoor basketball facility on Elm Street. I am confident that once complete, the popularity of basketball in Acton will grow even higher and that the opportunities for Acton-Boxborough athletics will expand even more.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Josh Hammer, Executive Director

### **8.1.7 Boys Boosters**

# Acton-Boxborough Boys Basketball Boosters

October 26, 2005

Elm Street Hoops  
c/o Lisa O'Brien  
11 Littleton Road  
Boxborough, Massachusetts 01719

Dear Lisa,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Acton-Boxborough Boys Basketball Boosters in support of the efforts of Elm Street Hoops to raise funds for the upgrading and refurbishing of the Elm Street basketball courts.

For many years, these courts have been in a state of disrepair rendering them barely usable to local players. Out of town teams have refused to play on these courts for some time due to safety concerns. The courts as presently situated do not provide a suitable venue to play competitive full court or half court basketball for any age group.

It is our hope along with many others in the community that the Elm Street courts may once again be an inviting basketball venue where both local players and out of town teams could enjoy a good, safe game of basketball, and we applaud your efforts in helping to make this a reality.

We realize that resources are always limited, but this area has been ignored for so many years, we feel that the time has come to fix these courts and provide our boys and girls as well as the adults in our community who enjoy basketball a proper place to play.

Sincerely,



Mark Scheier  
Rebecca Scheier  
Acton-Boxborough Boys Basketball Boosters





### **8.1.8 Girls Boosters**

November 1, 2005

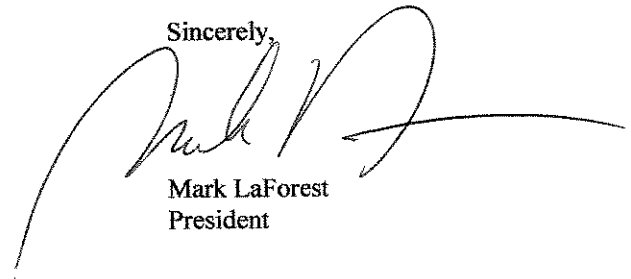
Acton Boxborough Girl's Basketball Boosters  
8 Wilson Lane  
Acton Mass. 01720

To Whom it may concern,

The Acton Boxborough Women's Basketball Boosters has recently reviewed a proposal to resurface the basketball courts on Elm St. It is our opinion that this project is sorely needed in our community. These courts represent the best outdoor basketball facility in the town and repairs are needed. There is an enormous amount of interest in basketball based upon the number of children that participate in youth (indoor) programs during the school year. There have also been successful summer programs in the past utilizing this facility. These outdoor programs have disappeared, in a large part due to the fact that the outdoor courts in any part of the town are not adequately maintained.

The resurfacing of the basketball courts at Elm St. is an absolute necessity for Acton and Boxborough. The Acton Boxborough Girl's Basketball Boosters strongly supports this project.

Sincerely,

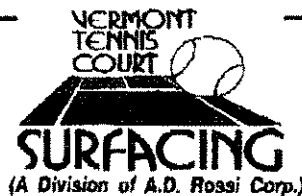
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Mark LaForest  
President

## **8.2 BIDS**

We obtained the following bids as estimates and are for project planning purposes only.

P. O. Box 566  
St. Johnsbury VT 05819



# Proposal

1-802-748-4378  
1-800-237-6774  
1-802-748-9974 FAX

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO	PHONE	FAX	DATE
	617-320-8889	617-320-8889	May 25, 2004
Josh Hammer	JOB		
STREET	Coating and Lines		
P.O. Box 2795	JOB LOCATION		
CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE	Acton, MA		
Acton, MA 01720	6628	Two Basketball Courts	

We hereby submit specifications and estimates to:

## Work to be completed:

- Clean entire surface area with compressed air.
- Total area to receive one (1) coat of **ELITE FILL**. This will fill surface voids and act as a prime coat for the color system. Material manufactured by A. D. Rossi Corp.
- Total area to receive two (2) coats of **ELITE Tuff-Turf**. Color to be selected by owner.  
**ELITE Tuff-Turf** is a heavily-bodied, multi-purpose heavy duty acrylic coating fortified with a durable latex, mineral fillers, fibers, and high-quality pigments for a super long-lasting attractive surface. Material manufactured by A. D. Rossi Corp.
- Apply two (2) sets of hand painted, regulation, basketball lines (including three point arc) with white textured **ELITE-Line** paint.

Price for above work: **\$4,950.00**

Optional: Apply one (1) extra coat of **Elite Tuff-Turf** to entire surface, add: **\$1,040.00** to above price.

Hard copies and information brochure to follow in the mail.

Owner to except paving prior to coating.

We propose hereby to furnish material and labor - complete in accordance with above specifications, for the sum of:

As Stated Above.

Payment to be made as follows:

Within 30 days of billing date.

dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_ )

All materials guaranteed as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents, or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado, and any other necessary insurance. Our workers are covered by Workman's Compensation Insurance. Customer agrees to pay 1 1/2% per month (or 18% per annum) interest on sums overdue by 30 days or more and agrees to pay cost of collection and reasonable attorney fees. This agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws in the State of Vermont.

Authorized  
Signature

*Jeffrey S. Zaylan*

Not a valid proposal until accepted within the 2004 season

## Acceptance of Proposal

The above prices, specifications and conditions (back side) are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made on cost/road above.

Date of Acceptance: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Proposal

NASHOBA PAVING CO., INC.  
29 Quarry Road  
Acton, MA 01720-5809  
(978) 264-0044  
Fax: (978) 266-1335

No. 10140518D

Proposal Submitted To: Lisa O'Brien	Phone: H: 978-263-0348 Fax: 978-263-0285	Date: October 14, 2005
Street: 11 Littleton Road	Job Name: Dudley School	
City, State and Zip Code: Buxboro, MA 01719	Job Location: Elm Street, Acton	

We hereby submit specifications and estimates for:

Excavate and remove asphalt from basketball and play areas.  
Remove and dispose of basketball poles. Fine grade adding  
2" to 4" of compactible gravel. Pave by machine method with  
1 1/2" binder course and 1 1/2" finish course of asphalt.

(2) 58' X 98' Basketball Areas.....\$21,400.00

(1) 58' X 98' Play Area.....\$10,700.00

## Option #2

Prep same as above. Pave with one (1) 2" finish course of  
asphalt.

(2) 58' X 98' Basketball Areas.....\$16,560.00

(1) 58' X 98' Play Area.....\$ 8,280.00

We Propose - hereby to furnish material and labor complete in accordance with above specifications for the sum of:

SEE ABOVE

dollars (\$ see above ).

Payment to be made as follows: Payment due in full upon completion of work.  
Interest will be charged at 1 1/2% per month on outstanding balance.

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work will be  
completed in a professional manner according to standard  
practices. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents  
or delays beyond our control. Nashoba Paving Co., Inc. to  
carry all applicable insurance. Any alteration or deviation  
from above specifications involving extra costs will become  
an extra charge over and above the estimate.

Authorized  
Signature

Don Sloan

NOTE: This proposal may be withdrawn  
by us if not accepted in 10 days.

Acceptance of Proposal - The above prices,  
specifications and conditions are satisfactory and  
are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the  
work as specified. Payment to be made as outlined  
above.

Signature

Signature

Date of Acceptance:



11/08/05

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# Holovak & Coughlin

SPORTING GOODS INC.



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5 ACTON BOARD/ELMS  
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 1 ACTON MR

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QTY	UM	CAT/SUB	MFG #	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
4	EA	GRND	PG106AF20	42x72 GLASS BACKBOARD 2000 GOAL BREAKAWAY 6" OVERHANG EXTENSION	203.00	8200.00
4	EA	GRND	PSC12	GREY BACKBOARD PROD126 - STICK ON	150.00	600.00
4	EA	PP600		6' SQUARE POST PAD 6' HIGH 1" FORM TADJIN?		
FREIGHT ON 4						370.00
THANKS!						
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## 9 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*Q: Why not combine the "Elm Street Hoops" project with other Elm St. projects ?*

A: While it is true that there are a couple of other Elm St. projects currently being discussed, including softball and boardwalk projects, these projects do not appear to be ready for application. Our project is !

Additionally, our fundraising efforts are well underway with strong commitment from a wide variety of sources. Our benefactors have verbally agreed to commit funds to the "Elm Street Hoops" project. They have not agreed to fund any additional Elm St. project(s). Adding projects at this point in time would most likely dilute our monetary contributions and be detrimental to getting the job at hand accomplished.

*Q: What are the strengths of this proposal ?*

A: The strength of the "Elm Street Hoops" project is that it is well focused, well planned, and well funded. This timely proposal is fueled by the committee's willingness to meet the needs of an underserved population whose support and enthusiasm for this project has been well heard.